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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/24/2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Holloway (US-2003/0092451).

Regarding claim 1, Holloway discloses a method for managing calls directed to one or more communications devices associated with a user of a communications network (see figs. 1-2 and descriptions) comprising:

receiving user-defined preferences regarding handling of calls directed to at least one of the devices [0017];

receiving an indication [0017] regarding wireless communications between a first device (fig. 2, 230) and a second device (fig. 2, 220); and

modifying the handling of calls to the one or more communications devices in response to receipt of the indication [0017].

Regarding claim 2, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein receiving an indication regarding wireless communications comprises receiving an

indication regarding wireless communications using a protocol selected from the set of Bluetooth [0019], IEEE 802.11(b), and IEEE 802.11(g) (inherently as “transmitter 220 is a low power RF transmitter” see [0017]).

Regarding claim 3, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein receiving an indication regarding wireless communications comprises receiving an indication that the first device has moved within wireless communication range of the second device [0017].

Regarding claim 4, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein receiving an indication regarding wireless communications comprises receiving an indication that the first device has moved outside of wireless communication range of the second device [0017].

Regarding claim 5, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein receiving an indication regarding wireless communications comprises receiving an indication that the first device has deactivated wireless communication with the second device [0017].

Regarding claim 6, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user defined preferences include a preference regarding forwarding calls to the first device based the step of receiving an indication regarding wireless communications

between the first device and the second device ([0006] and [0016]-[0017]).

Regarding claim 7, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user defined preferences include a preference regarding forwarding calls to a third device (fig. 2, 240) based the step of receiving an indication regarding wireless communications between the first device and the second device ([0006] and [0016]-[0017]).

Regarding claim 8, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user defined preferences include a preference regarding forwarding a notification [0006] regarding a call based the step of receiving an indication regarding wireless communications between the first device and the second device ([0006] and [0016]-[0017]).

Regarding claim 9, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 8, further comprising receiving, in response to the notification, an instruction regarding handling of the call ([0006] and [0016]-[0017]).

Regarding claim 10, Holloway discloses the method as recited in claim 9, wherein the instruction regarding handing of the call includes an instruction regarding forwarding the call to a user specified device ([0006] and [0016]-[0017]).

Regarding claim 11, Holloway discloses a system for managing one or more communications devices associated with a user of a communications network (see figs. 1-2 and descriptions), comprising:

a first set of one or more processors (inherently described as “programmed”; see [0017]) capable of receiving user-defined preferences regarding handling of calls directed to at least one of the devices ([0006] and [0016]-[0017]),

receiving an indication [0017] regarding wireless communications between a first device (fig. 2, 230) and a second device (fig. 2, 220), and

modifying the handling of calls to the one or more communications devices in response to receipt of the indication [0017].

Regarding claim 12, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 11, wherein the set of processors in receiving an indication regarding wireless communications are capable of receiving an indication regarding wireless communications using a protocol selected from the set of Bluetooth [0019], IEEE 802.11(b), and IEEE 802.11(g) (inherently as “transmitter 220 is a low power RF transmitter” see [0017]).

Regarding claim 13, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 11, wherein the set of processors in receiving an indication regarding wireless communications are capable of receiving an indication that the first device has moved within wireless communication range of the second device [0017].

Regarding claim 14, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 11, wherein the set of processors in receiving an indication regarding wireless communications are capable of receiving an indication that the first device has moved outside of wireless communication range of the second device [0017].

Regarding claim 15, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 11, wherein the set of processors in receiving an indication are capable of receiving an indication that the first device has deactivated wireless communication with the second device [0017].

Regarding claim 16, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 11, wherein the user defined preferences include a preference regarding forwarding calls to the first device based on whether the first set of processors receive an indication regarding wireless communications between the first device and the second device [0017].

Regarding claim 17, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 11, wherein the user defined preferences include a preference regarding forwarding calls to a third device (fig. 2, 240) based on whether the first set of processors receive an indication regarding wireless communications between the first device and the second device [0017].

Regarding claim 18, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 11, wherein the user defined preferences include a preference regarding forwarding a notification [0006] regarding a call based on whether the first set of processors receive an indication regarding wireless communications between the first device and the second device ([0006] and [0016]-[0017]).

Regarding claim 19, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 17, wherein the first set of processors are further capable of receiving, in response to the notification, an instruction regarding handling of the call [0017].

Regarding claim 20, Holloway discloses the system as recited in claim 18, wherein the instruction regarding handling of the call includes an instruction regarding forwarding the call to a user specified device [0017].

Regarding claim 21, Holloway discloses a system for managing calls directed to one or more communications devices associated with a user of a communications network (see figs. 1-2 and descriptions), comprising:

means for receiving user-defined preferences regarding handling of calls directed to at least one of the devices [0017];

means for receiving an indication [0017] regarding wireless communications between a first device (fig. 2, 230) and a second device (fig. 2, 220); and



means for modifying the handling of calls to the one or more communications devices in response to receipt of the indication [0017].

Regarding claim 22, Holloway discloses a computer-readable medium containing instructions (inherently described as “programmed”; see [0017]) for performing a method for managing calls directed to one or more communications devices associated with a user of a communications network (see figs. 1-2 and descriptions), comprising:

receiving user-defined preferences regarding handling of calls directed to at least one of the devices [0017];

receiving an indication [0017] regarding wireless communications between a first device (fig. 2, 230) and a second device (fig. 2, 220); and

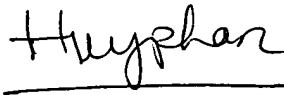
modifying the handling of calls to the one or more communications devices in response to receipt of the indication [0017].

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy Q Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-7924. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kincaid G Lester can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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